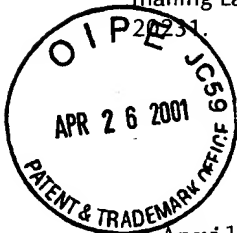


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TRANSMITTAL OF RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the Restriction Requirement mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on March 30, 2001.

The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

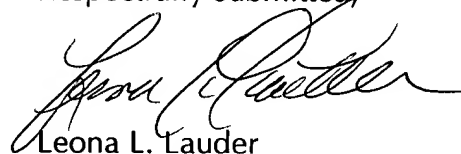
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Respectfully submitted,



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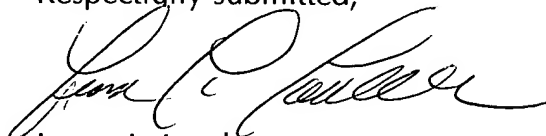
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Applicant respectfully considers the requirement for election of a single disclosed species as one made for commencement of examination pursuant to MPEP Section 803. Thus, for the purposes of commencing examination of the instant application, Applicant provisionally elects the methods wherein the mutation is a germline mutation; wherein said biological sample is normal cells; wherein said detection method is by dual antibody sandwich assay; wherein the subject gene is MLH1 or MLH2, or the subject genes are MLH1 and MLH2; and wherein the disease is colon cancer. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims, as amended by the accompanying Preliminary Amendment, that are considered by the Applicant to be readable on that species are Claims 1-6, 9-17, 19-28 and 31-54.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully concludes that the claims as amended are in condition for allowance, and earnestly requests that the claims be promptly allowed. If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicant at (415) 981-2034.

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